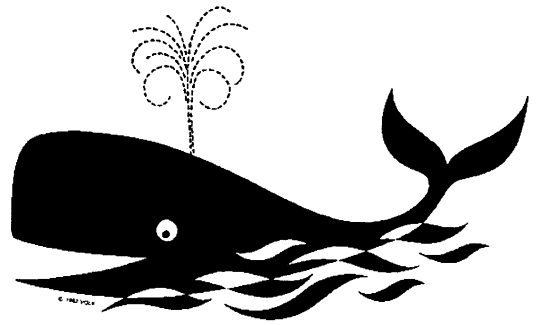


WATER SAFETY

Pre-Visit Activity

Activity	Longfellow's Whale Tales
Adapted From	American Red Cross
Setting	Classroom
Duration	20 minutes
Subject Areas	Health, Social Studies
Skills	Active listening, Retelling
Grade Level	2-3



Objective:

Students will be able to:

1. identify the six rules of water safety in the video *Longfellow's Whale Tales*
2. state the six rules of water safety

WV-IGOs:

Listening - 2.18

Health - 3.6, 2.6

Social Studies - 3.8, 2.6

VOCABULARY

Supervised area
American Red Cross

MATERIALS

1. video: *Longfellow's Whale Tales*

BACKGROUND

The video *Longfellow's Whale Tales* introduces children to water safety with six rules:

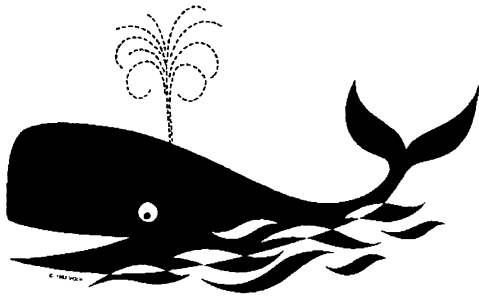
1. Swim with a buddy in a supervised area.
2. Be cool; follow the rules (follow pool rules).
3. Look before you leap.
4. Reach or throw; don't go!
5. Don't just pack it, wear your jacket (PFD)!
6. Think, so you don't sink.

The video is 13 minutes long and features an animated whale. The American Red Cross produced the video and developed supplemental materials.

PROCEDURES

1. Quiz the students on "ways to be safe" while around or on water. Write their responses on the board.
2. Write on the board the following six rules leaving out the key words as shown:
 - a. Swim with a _____ in a _____ area.
 - b. Be cool; follow the _____.
 - c. _____ before you leap.
 - d. Reach or _____; don't go!
 - e. Don't just pack it, wear your _____!
 - f. Think so you don't _____.





PROCEDURES *Continued*

3. Go through the six rules with the students. Have them help you fill in each blank to complete each sentence. Call on volunteers to write the answers in the blanks.
4. Tell the children that they are going to watch a video about water safety. "If you watch and listen carefully, you will discover the correct words for each rule."
5. Show the video.
6. Wrap up the activity by calling on volunteers to correct initial answers for the six rules. Have students read orally the corrected rules. Discuss each rule briefly.

EVALUATION

After erasing the six rules from the board, call on students to recite each of the rules.

EXTENSION

Read aloud the book *The Bear's Vacation* by Stan and Jan Berenstain. This book contains many situations that occur at the beach. Compare the rules that Papa Bear shares with Small Bear to the rules in the video.

